

Minutes of a meeting of Cartmel Fell Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell, on Wednesday 30th August 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Alan Telford (Chairman), Helen Smith, Marian Smith and Mike Smith, County Councillor Bill Wearing and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from PSCO Debbie Ross.

**17/37 Public participation:** None.

**17/38 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**17/39 Declarations of Interest:**

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

**17/40 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2017, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**17/41 Council Vacancy:**

Despite advertising in the Parish Magazine and 'The Westmorland Gazette' there had been no expressions of interest in the vacancy. It was agreed to continue advertising by word of mouth around the parish.

**17/42 Reports:**

- a. **Police:** PCSO Debbie Ross reported that there had been a RTC damage only incident, a concern for safety, and some incidents of highway disruption, largely caused by trees or deer in the carriageway.
- b. **County Councillor:** Councillor Wearing reported on the Labour/Liberal Democrat coalition in CCC since the Elections. The County's budget will not be out until around November but it is likely that around £20M of savings will need to be made. There is a meeting with United Utilities next week at Castle Green Hotel in Kendal, which he will try to attend, as there is strong local feeling regarding further upcoming road closures on the A592. Any information will be circulated to Councillors via the Clerk.
- c. **District Councillor:** None.

#### **17/43 Finance:**

a. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

Cartmel Fell Community Trust		
	£14.00	Hire of hall
K M Price	£295.31	Balancing payment as agreed
T Flitcroft	£75.00	Payroll administration (annual)
Triarom Ltd	£104.99	Website subscriptions etc
HMRC	£152.20	PAYE (to note)
T Flitcroft	£25.00	Internal Audit (honorarium)
K M Price	£95.19	Quarterly expenses to 30th June, including use of home office and travel
Communicorp	£12.00	Annual subscription for 'Clerks and Councils Direct)

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. The report from the Internal Auditor was received. It was noted that, due to Tax Code changes and the failure of the bank to change the standing orders on the Council's account, the Clerk owed £180.02 to the Council, which amount he then tendered by cheque. It was also noted that, in the current financial year, the bank had been paying him too little each month and the Council resolved to repay him the amount owing, which was £295.31. Councillors have each been requested to call into an HSBC branch so the signatories to the account can be updated and the standing orders corrected.

**17/44 Planning:** None.

#### **17/45 Correspondence:**

- a. ACTion in Cumbria. Copies of the Household Emergency Planning leaflet were distributed. Further copies are available on request.
- b. Cartmel Old Grammar School Foundation. Grant application forms are now available and this will be publicised.

#### **17/46 Parish Council website:**

Councillor Marian Smith has updated the subscription for Office and is adding the legally required documents to the website regularly. The Clerk agreed to forward details of the requirements under the new Transparency Code.

#### **17/47 Parish Defibrillator:**

This is ongoing and was deferred until the next meeting.

#### **17/48 Rural Crime initiative:**

It was resolved to leave this in abeyance at present.

**17/49 Woodland Creation Consultation:**

It was resolved that the Council has no objections to the proposals in the consultation.

**17/50 Local Area Partnership (LAP):**

There have been no meetings recently; the next will possibly be held at the end of October.

**17/51 Parish Lengthsman:**

There was no report but it was resolved to report the following matters to CCC Highways:

- a. Blocked drain at Hartbarrow. The Council had received correspondence regarding this at an earlier meeting and officers had visited the site, but the problem remains.
- b. A drain grate is missing opposite Burblethwaite Hall, where the road is full of drains that are blocked with gravel.
- c. A 6' 6" restriction sign had been promised for the road end at Damson Dene, although not in this parish.

The Clerk agreed to copy Councillor Wearing into these reports.

**17/52 Date and place of next meeting:**

***Wednesday 29th November 2017 at 7.30pm at Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre.***

*The meeting closed at 8.45pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*